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In re Applicants:	Tinku Acharya, Niloy J. Mitra and Prabir K. Biswas	§ § § § § § §	Art Unit:	2623
Serial No.:	09/390,255	§	Examiner:	Timothy M. Johnson
Filed:	September 3, 1999	§		
Title:	WAVELET ZEROTREE CODING OF ORDERED BITS	§ § §	Docket No.	ITL.0210US (P7057)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The current appeal is hereby withdrawn with the filing of this Continued Prosecution Application. Before examination of the application and calculation of the filing fee, please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice and add new claims 16-33, as indicated in the following CLAIM AMENDMENTS section.

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